

## **Remarks**

Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 16 – 27 have been cancelled. Applicants appreciate the acknowledgement of allowable subject matter in claims 1 – 15 in view of the Board Decision dated 9/28/05.

### **Provisional rejection of claims for double patenting**

By way of the Office Action mailed December 11, 2003, claims 1 – 27 stood provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 – 20 of copending Application No. 10/012,768 and claims 1 – 20 of copending Application No. 10/012,766. Appropriate terminal disclaimers were submitted with Applicants' Amendment-B, filed October 10, 2006. Inadvertently, only one of the two disclaimer fees were paid in accordance with 37 CFR 1.20(d). The authorization to charge the appropriate deposit account for an additional disclaimer fee of \$130 accompanies this Amendment.

It is believed that the present application is in complete condition for allowance and favorable action, therefore, is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at his convenience to resolve any remaining issues. The undersigned may be reached at: 770-587-8640.

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### **CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION**

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